

South Asia Earthquake

November 10, 2005 - Update



Private sector relief web site: www.southasiaearthquakerelief.org

PRIVATE SECTOR RESPONDS

The creation of the South Asia Earthquake Relief Fund, recently announced by President George W. Bush, will provide critically needed funds and supplies to thousands of people recovering from the devastating South Asia Earthquake of October 8, 2005. With the support of the President, five private sector leaders will lead the nationwide effort to raise awareness and resources to help those in need as a result of this disaster.

The five executives directing the South Asia Earthquake Relief Fund (SAERF) include: Jeff Immelt, Chairman and CEO, General Electric; Hank McKinnell Jr., Ph.D., Chairman and CEO, Pfizer; Anne Mulcahy, Chairman and CEO, Xerox; Jim Kelly, former Chairman and CEO, UPS; and Sanford Weill, Chairman, Citigroup.

In addition, one representative from the U.S. government, Andrew Natsios, Administrator of USAID, and one from the Pakistani-American community, Moeen Qureshi, Chairman, Emerging Markets Partnership and former Prime Minister of Pakistan, will also serve on the Relief Fund's Advisory Committee.

The fund, administered by the Committee to Encourage Corporate Philanthropy, an international nonprofit forum of over 100 CEOs and Chairpersons dedicated to advocating and practicing corporate philanthropy, can be accessed at www.southasiaearthquakerelief.org.

GIRLS' TENT SCHOOL OPENS

On November 8, local residents of Muzaffarabad in Azad Jammu and Kashmir (AJK) welcomed the return to some normalcy in their lives after the devastating earthquake of October 8. A tent school was erected on the former site of the Narole Girls' school to replace the demolished building temporarily. Six teachers and 84 students perished when the building collapsed during the earthquake, which occurred while the school was in session.

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Students of the newly re-opened school talk with a USAID representative.



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FAST FACTS:

Government of Pakistan estimates:

Death toll: 73,276 Injured: 69,260

Government of India estimates :

Death toll: 1,308

Injured: more than 6,600

U.S. Assistance as of November 10, 2005:

Total USG Humanitarian and Reconstruction Assistance Pledged: \$156,000,000

USAID has provided more than \$50.1 million in humanitarian assistance, including nine completed airlifts of relief supplies, to Pakistan and more than \$600,000 in assistance to India.

USAID committed funds to the UN, other international organizations, and supports 12 international NGOs in Pakistan and India. This includes \$19.3 million in response to the UN Flash Appeal. Specifically, this includes:

- \$3 million in shelter relief
- \$2 million in water and sanitation
- \$2 million in health programs
- \$12.3 million for humanitarian relief operations (airlifts, food, logistics, administration)

For more information on the earthquake and USAID's work, please see "South Asia Earthquake" at www.usaid.gov.

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The U.S. Government cleared the rubble from the site and pitched two tents to serve as temporary classrooms at the school site. A total of 600 students now attend this school and attend in shifts throughout the day.

Other school sites have been identified for tent schools, and USAID is paying local villagers daily wages to remove rubble and clear the sites. Equipment and supplies have also been donated to allow the schools to function immediately.

The resumption of school has been a collaborative effort between the U.S. government, the Government of Pakistan, and the UN. While only a small step towards the return to normal life, the tent school serves as a transition between immediate relief – necessary in the wake of the earthquake – and long-term development.



The Narole Girls' School is re-opened in a temporary facility with U.S. government support.